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Joel Roessner, Esq.
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Matters Under Review 4935 and 5057

Dear Mr. Roessner:

This letter is a formal request for an extension of time to reply in the above-captioned matter on behalf of the Respondent, Andrew Lowinger. My law firm has recently been asked to represent Mr. Lowinger in the above-captioned matter, as the attached designation of counsel form indicates.

Respondent requests a 40-day extension, until October 17, 2000, to respond. While we recognize that this is longer than the normal extension granted by the Commission, Respondent believes it is warranted in this instance for the following reasons:

- (1) Respondent is presently involved in several critical business and legal matters that must be finalized in the coming weeks. Additional time is needed to interview Respondent and ensure that all the facts pertaining to the MURs are fully investigated.
- (2) We have only recently been retained as counsel to Respondent on this issue and face an extremely crowded calendar over the next few weeks.
- (3) The alleged contributions at issue in these MURs were made in the 1997-98 election cycle and do not involve an election in the current cycle.

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For the above-cited reasons, Respondents request an extension until October 17, 2000, to respond to the above-captioned matter.

Sincerely,



Bruce H. Turnbull

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MURs 4935 and 5057

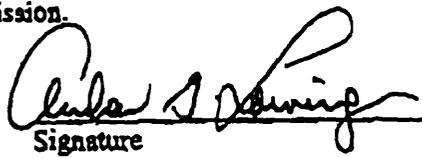
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The above-named individuals are hereby designated as my counsel and are authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

9/31/00
Date


Signature

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